GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1524
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MISSING RADIOACTIVE DEVICE IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a radioactive device used for industrial purposes has been missing while being transported in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has issued any warning in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the present position in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A gamma radiography camera owned by a Kolkatta based industrial radiography company was lost in transit on July 17, 2002 while being transported from Lakhimpur to Digboi in Assam. A report has been lodged by the company with the police.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has issued a warning letter to the user of the device in this regard.

The authorization issued to the Industrial Radiography Institution has been suspended until the investigation is completed and the company has been directed to return all its industrial radiography cameras pertaining to the site to safe and secured storage.

(e) The matter is under investigation by the police.